

## Proclamation

WHEREAS, in the United States, over 1 million people are living with HIV, and every 13 minutes a new infection occurs yielding more than 40,000 annual new HIV infections; and

WHEREAS, in Florida more than 116,900 people are living with HIV, and more than 13 new infections occur daily, and 1-in-8 HIV-infected individuals don't know that they're infected; and

WHEREAS, in Palm Beach County more than 8,400 people, or 1-in-170 residents, are living with HIV; and

WHEREAS, significant new and highly advanced treatments deliver hope and enhance the quality of life for those who are affected, these considerable advancements can only help individuals if they know their HIV status and are linked into lifesaving medical care; and

WHEREAS, this year marks the 25<sup>th</sup> annual observance of National HIV Testing Day on June 27<sup>th</sup> and the Palm Beach County HIV CARE Council, through its partners are working together to provide HIV testing throughout Palm Beach County during the week surrounding National HIV Testing Day June 23-29 2019; and

NOW THEREFORE, I, Steven B. Grant, Mayor of the City of Boynton Beach, Florida, do hereby proclaim the 27<sup>th</sup> of June, Two Thousand Nineteen as:

## NATIONAL HIV TESTING DAY

and urge all residents of the City of Boynton Beach to take the HIV test to know your status and to take part in other activities and observances designed to increase awareness and understanding of HIV/AIDS.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the City of Boynton Beach, Florida, to be affixed at Boynton Beach Florida, the 18<sup>th</sup> day of June, Two Thousand Nineteen.

Steven B. Grant, Mayor
ATTEST:
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